



A BAYOU LEGEND

Written by Mississippi-born William Grant Still with a libretto by Verna Arvey, "A Bayou Legend" is a three-act opera, which has been produced for the Public Broadcasting Service by the Mississippi Center for Educational Television and Opera/South. It can be seen at _____.

"A Bayou Legend" is based on an authentic folk legend of the occult and is set in the 19th century bayou country of south Mississippi. In the picture at upper left, the loyal Leonce, portrayed by Peter Lightfoot, second from right, joins a village party. The villagers are played by Mississippi students who are members of Mississippi's Opera/South chorus. In the background is the scheming Clothilde, played by Raeschelle Potter. At upper right, Clothilde plots to deceive Bazile, portrayed by Gary Burgess, into marrying her. In the lower righthand photo are the village non-conformists--the three "blades"--portrayed by, left to right, Francois Clemmons, Ben Holt and Irwin Reese.

